

# **Worker-protection rules**

## **Safety Standards for Possession and Handling Of Explosives**



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### **What is happening?**

The Homeland Security Bill was signed on November 25, 2002, which restricts the availability of explosives to felons and other persons prohibited from possessing explosives, strengthens licensing and permitting requirements, and aids in the fight against terrorism.

The department is proceeding with rulemaking in order to be at least as effective as the federal requirements.

### **What are the new requirements?**

- Prohibit aliens, persons dishonorably discharged from the United States armed forces, and citizens of the United States who have renounced their citizenship from obtaining an explosive license or permit. This will be effective on January 24, 2003.
- You must have a federal license or permit in order to receive an explosive license from the department. This will be effective on May 24, 2003.

You may have a current license issued by the department, but be in violation of the new federal law. You must submit a copy of your federal permit or license before the department will renew or issue a new license.

### **How to I obtain a Federal license?**

Please contact the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE):

- The National Licensing Center at (404)417-2750,
- The Public Safety Branch at (202)927-2310, or
- Visit the BATF website at [www.atf.treas.gov](http://www.atf.treas.gov)

### **Who do I contact with questions?**

If you have questions or need additional technical information regarding the changes to the Safety Standards for Possession and Handling of Explosives, you may call (360)902-5460.